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# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 53

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**53. Ms N Tafeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Police:**

What plans does his department have in place to deal decisively with the problem of livestock theft in the Eastern Cape, primarily in areas such as (a) Ngcobo, (b) Tsomo,

(c) Matatiele and (d) Qumbu?

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**REPLY:**

1. Engcobo:
	* A Stock Theft Satellite Office has been identified in Dalasile, which is not far from Engcobo and will be established, in 2021/2022, to curb and investigate all stock theft and related matters.
2. Tsomo:
	* In Tsomo, all the stock theft cases and related matters are being dealt with by the Butterworth Stock Theft Unit and the theft of livestock has been decreased, by up to 5%, in this financial year.
	* Stock Theft operations are conducted monthly.
	* An education drive on how to look after and brand livestock, is being conducted by the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Department of Agriculture.
3. Matatiele:
	* A contingency plan is being developed to deploy SAPS members along the border of South Africa and Lesotho, who will work closely with members of the South African Defence Force (SANDF) members to curb the theft of livestock, as well as address illegal border crossings. It is envisaged that this contingency plan will be implemented, in 2021/2022.
	* Stock Theft operations are conducted monthly.
	* An education drive, on how to look after and brand livestock, is being conducted by the SAPS and the Department of Agriculture.
	* A fully-fledged Stock Theft Unit will be established, in Matatiele, in 2021/2022 and will be commanded by a Captain, with 12 members.
4. Qumbu:
	* A total of 16 SAPS members have been allocated to the Qumbu Stock Theft Unit, to beef up the investigations, perform waylay duties and conduct patrols to curb the theft of livestock in that area.
	* A Stock Theft Satellite Office, with six SAPS members, has been established in Sulenkama, to investigate all stock theft and related matters, perform waylay duties and conduct patrols to curb the theft of livestock.
	* Stock Theft operations are conducted monthly.
	* An education drive on how to take care of and brand livestock, is being conducted by the SAPS and the Department of Agriculture.

Reply to question 53 recommended

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Reply to question 53 approved

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